

## Prices and Prospects.

### HTE COKE MARKET STRONG DESPITE A LIGHT DEMAND

Being Held In Leash by the  
Leading Merchant  
Operators.

### SECOND HALF COKE AT \$2.50

Several Inquiries in the Market, But  
No Contracts Have Yet Been Closed.  
Foundry Coke Contracts Expire Soon  
But No General Buying; Pig Quiet.

Special to The Weekly Courier.  
PITTSBURGH, May 21.—The coke  
market has been giving an exhibition  
of strength in the face of light demand,  
the strength being apparently  
due partly to the continued heavy  
restriction of output and partly to the  
restriction of output for several weeks  
for the purpose of avoiding production  
beyond the tonnage required to fill  
contracts.

The general asking price on prompt  
furnace coke continues to be \$2.25.  
As formerly this price is occasionally  
shaded, the shading in the past fort-  
night never being more than five or  
ten cents a ton, against double that  
amount formerly. Sales in the  
past week have been limited.

Interest is rapidly increasing in the  
market for second half furnace coke  
contracts. Thus far this interest has  
developed into little of actual business  
or formal inquiry, but has become  
productive of rumors, the most interest-  
ing of which is that the Pittsburgh  
Steel Company has contracted for  
15,000 tons monthly against the two  
blast furnaces it has nearly completed,  
the tonnage being divided between two  
prominent producers. Investigation  
fails to show that any business has  
been closed, and a definite and ad-  
equate deal has been made by one of  
the sellers named in the rumor, but  
any sale has been made, or that any  
definite negotiations are in progress.

The most important inquiry before  
the trade is that of the New Jersey Zinc  
Company for 10,000 tons monthly of  
furnace coke over second half. Sev-  
eral other furnaces have been tenta-  
tively sounding the market, but have  
not definitely committed themselves  
to formal inquiries.

None of the operators has mentioned  
a lower price than \$2.50 as applicable  
to second half contracts, and in the  
absence of quotations made directly  
to buyers against inquiries, this is  
considered the nominal asking price.  
Discussion of the future of the market  
revolving around the question of  
whether or not this price will be cut,  
and if so how much.

There has been a little business done  
in contract foundry coke in the past  
week, but there has been no very gen-  
eral buying. Many contracts expire  
June 30th, while a few expire July  
31st. The minimum payable on foundry  
coke contracts appears to be \$3,  
while some operators hold to a mini-  
mum of \$3.25. Prompt foundry coke  
is quoted by regular producers at the  
same price as contract, but some op-  
erators get regular producers occa-  
sionally sell foundry coke of accept-  
able quality at slight cuts from \$3,  
generally ten cents. The market stands  
as follows:

Prompt furnace ..... \$2.15-2.25  
Contract furnace (nominal) ..... \$2.25  
Prompt foundry ..... \$2.25-2.35  
Contract foundry ..... \$2.35-2.45

The general expression in pig  
iron circles continues to be that the  
pig iron market is bound to be active  
in the near future. It being candidly  
admitted at the same time that it  
must first find bottom, or a reacting  
point, and this point has not yet been  
reached. It has been expected for a  
few days that the Westinghouse Elec-  
tric & Manufacturing Company's busi-  
ness would furnish a basis, but while  
this company sent out its inquiry  
generally three weeks ago, it has not  
yet been answered, and there seems to  
be a question in now whether it will  
buy at this time. Meanwhile, the pig  
iron market has been inactive, awaiting  
this development. Prices, while large-  
ly nominal, are definitely declining,  
and basic foundry, forge and malleable  
can easily be quoted at 50 cents lower  
than a week ago. Prices now quoted  
are largely nominal, and could prob-  
ably be shaded in the event of at-  
tractive business being offered. Besse-  
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**Looking Backward.**

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Four to six Western Union B from Detroit to Connelville. Twenty-two members of some of high school prepare for comment.



## VETERANS ARRANGE PROGRAM FOR THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Usual Procession and Exercises in Hill Grove to be Held.

## NATIONAL GUARD TO TAKE PART

Councilsville Military Band to Lead

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## HURT IN A SMASH

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Driver Buicks His Luck When  
Starts His Wagon

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## VOTERS REJECT THE \$175,000 BOND ISSUE BY OVERWHELMING VOTE; HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT IS BADLY BEATEN AT POLLS

By a Vote of 973 to 138, a Ratio of 7 to 1, Electors Disapprove Proposed Solution of Crowded Condition in the Schools; Result Not a Surprise, Public Sentiment Being Strongly Against the Proposition.

By an overwhelming majority the voters of Connellsville Monday rejected the School Board's proposal to issue \$175,000 bonds for the erection of a new high school in the place of the present fourth ward building. The ratio was 7 to 1 against the proposition and in no single ward did the few friends of the measure make a serious impression. The ratio was 7 to 1 against the proposition and in no single ward did the few friends of the measure make a serious impression.

### THE VOTE BY WARDS

	For	Against
First	17	81
Second	10	208
Third	29	173
Fourth	38	113
Fifth	16	144
Sixth	16	117
Total	138	973

The total vote in the borough was 1111. It was a small vote but it reflected the sentiment of the public. Of those 1111 votes only 138 were for the bond issue 973 being against it. Within a few minutes after the polls closed Monday night the result was known. The ballots were counted and every election board completed this duty before 6 p.m. to support the return from each ward only increased the vote against the proposal.

The Fifth ward was more strongly in favor of the bond issue than any other but the best that could be done there was 33 in favor of it to 113 against it.

The West Side as was anticipated voted heavily against the bond issue. In the Sixth ward only 5 voters approved the measure 144 being against it. The Second ward also voted strongly against it the vote being 137 to 137. Little interest was manifested about the polls. There was an absence of workers and apparently no efforts were made to influence doubtful voters either way. The school directors for the most part left the matter up to the people to decide and they did realize that such a building was needed. The matter was put before the people and their verdict has been recorded. There is nothing for us to do but to adjust ourselves to conditions as they are.

Superintendent F. P. Ashe said that the first floor room of the new high school now used as an office for the superintendent and the school board will probably be converted into a classroom moving the office to the small room on the second floor which is now occupied by principal E. B. Smith. Other changes will be necessary.

Anticipating the defeat of the bond issue it is said that the School Board has already completed its plans for the next term. There will be no construction in many rooms but this has been provided for. From the bond issue would not have been available next fall for the summer term at least the building is in position to care for the students who had the bond issue rejected. Had it been approved the 11 fourth ward building would have been available to the school board for the summer term at least the building is in position to care for the students who had the bond issue rejected.

On the basis of present conditions the interest on the proposed \$1,000,000 bonds for the first 10 years Mr. Younkkin estimated that the millage for this would be 15. After 10 years it would take 9 mills to pay interest and mature seven bonds each year. The amount decreasing each year. The interest on the bonds would be 6 percent. The interest on the bonds would be 6 percent. The interest on the bonds would be 6 percent.

## SENTENCE COURT IS HELD IN UNIONTOWN; A HUSBAND PAROLED

John M. Keener Directed to Stay on the Water Wagon.

### TWO OTHERS FACE THE COURT

Dunbar Woman Begins an Equity Suit to Recover Possession of Property. She Says Husband Obtained Title of Three Lots of Election Grounds.

UNIONTOWN, May 22.—A short session of court was held today with Judge Lumbel on the bench. There were two cases on the docket. The first was an equity suit brought by a woman to recover possession of property. She claimed that her husband had obtained title of three lots of election grounds. The second case was a criminal case against a man who was charged with assault and battery. The judge sentenced the man to the county jail for 30 days. The woman's case was postponed to next week.

### WILL OPEN A COLORED HOTEL ON MAIN STREET, WEST SIDE

Brooks Public School Pupil Will Move to Uniontown, Pa. The school board has decided to move a pupil from the public school to Uniontown, Pa. The pupil is a colored boy who is 12 years old. The school board has decided to move him to Uniontown, Pa. The pupil is a colored boy who is 12 years old.

The hotel will have 10 rooms and will be opened in the fall. The hotel will be owned by a man who is a native of Uniontown, Pa. The hotel will be opened in the fall. The hotel will be owned by a man who is a native of Uniontown, Pa. The hotel will be opened in the fall.

### ARSENIC IN WELL

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## REPUBLICANS ARE MAKING A RECORD AS PROGRESSIVES

Pass Badly Needed Laws Despite Halting Tactics of Opposition.

### PUBLIC UTILITIES BILL IS ONE

Committee Report of Experts and Representatives of Public Views of Both Republicans and Progressives Demanded Approval of Question.

HARRISBURG, May 19.—An armed and dangerous which has been in the hands of the public utility companies for some time, is now being used by the public utility companies to maintain their monopoly. The bill is a public utility bill which is being introduced in the House of Representatives. The bill is a public utility bill which is being introduced in the House of Representatives.

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## Democrats of Fayette Visit the Capital in Behalf of Lewellyn

A delegation of Democrats from Fayette County visited the State Capitol in Harrisburg today in behalf of Lewellyn. The delegation consisted of several members of the county committee and a number of prominent citizens. They met with the members of the House of Representatives and presented their petition for the re-election of Lewellyn. The delegation was well received and their petition was referred to the proper authorities.

## BANK BRINGS SUIT TO EJECT A FIRM FROM STOREROOM

The Citizens National Bank Wants Possession of Busy Corner.

### GRAHAM & CO DEFENDANTS

Action of Enforcement Brought in Uniontown. The Citizens National Bank has brought an action of enforcement in Uniontown to eject a firm from its storeroom. The firm is Graham & Co. The bank claims that the firm is occupying the storeroom without a lease and is using it for its own quarters.

## SILK MILL WANTS TO LOCATE HERE; UP TO THE TOWN

New York Man Submits Proposition to Chamber of Commerce.

### \$2,500 SUBSCRIPTION ASKED

Uniontown Men Have Formed Only One Committee to Oppose the Mill. The Chamber of Commerce has received a proposition from a New York man to locate a silk mill in Uniontown. The man has asked for a subscription of \$2,500 to build the mill. The Chamber of Commerce has formed a committee to oppose the mill.

## LATE TRAIN SERVICE IS ANNOUNCED BY THE PENNSY

One Train Daily Between Uniontown and Harrisburg. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has announced that it will run one train daily between Uniontown and Harrisburg. The train will leave Uniontown at 8 a.m. and arrive in Harrisburg at 12 p.m. The train will leave Harrisburg at 1 p.m. and arrive in Uniontown at 4 p.m.

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## NEW ELECTRIC COMPANY ASKS TOWN COUNCIL FOR FRANCHISE

Half-Million Dollar Concern to be Organized as Competitor to West Penn, Promoter Tells Members.

### STEAM HEAT AND HOT WATER

Will Break Ground Two Weeks After Franchise is Granted, He Declares Council to Proceed Against W. D. McGinnis for Taking Horse House

Although Connellsville is the electric light and power center of Western Pennsylvania and the home of the big West Penn system, another concern desires to enter the town in competition for the electric light business. At Thursday meeting of town Council J. George Kaehler, who says he represents New York Rochester and Cleveland interests, petitioned for a franchise for the Connellsville Public Service Company, a \$500,000 corporation he says will be organized to furnish electric light, steam heat and hot water service.

The proposition was referred to the finance and light committee to be considered with Borough Solicitor J. D. Munson before the next meeting of Council on June 5. At that time it is expected an ordinance will be introduced.

Two weeks after the franchise is granted the company, Mr. Kaehler says, a ground will be broken for the erection of a power house and within a few months from that date the company will be in a position to supply power to the town.

Mr. Kaehler has been in Connellsville much of the time during the last four weeks studying local conditions. Local business men he claims are interested in the enterprise.

The Kaehler interests he says are heavy stockholders in a score of public utilities corporations throughout the country. Three of the biggest are the Peoples Railway & Light Company, New Castle, Pa., the Central Station Electric Co., Cleveland, Ohio, and the Youngstown Electric Light Company of Youngstown, O.

Mr. Kaehler is a director in several big power companies and organized several corporations in Pennsylvania a score of years ago. Among those in Western Pennsylvania he mentions companies now under the control of the West Penn in Greensburg, Duquesne and West Newton. Twenty years ago he made an unsuccessful effort to secure a franchise for an electric company in Connellsville. Councilman W. A. Bishop recognized Mr. Kaehler when he appeared in the council chamber.

The other most interesting feature of the council session was the decision to proceed against W. D. McGinnis for larceny by failure to return the \$382 and costs for the removal of the old horse house from the Second ward. The matter has been brought before Council for a hearing on June 5.

Mr. Kaehler said that the horse house was removed from the Second ward grounds and placed on the lot of the late Mrs. McGinnis. He said that the horse house was removed from the lot of the late Mrs. McGinnis and placed on the lot of the late Mrs. McGinnis.

John Mitchell complained to Council that the Pennsylvania railroad is blocking an alley near his home and requested that the matter be referred to the borough solicitor for action. This was done.

In response to a request from J. L. Munson to change the location of the corner of Pittsburgh street and Baldwin avenue at the Baptist Church property, permission was given and the clerk was directed to remove a pole standing on that corner.

John Franks reported that the property line given him several years ago by a borough engineer was incorrect and that as a consequence he erected a wall part of which will probably have to be removed. The borough solicitor was notified to look into the matter.

K. K. Kramer representing property owners of Isabella street, between Green street and Patton on avenue requested that arrangements be made to establish a grade on that portion of Isabella street so that the committee on the street committee.

With reference to the claims of owners of the beach estate, Crossland and Haddock properties on West side, the committee was directed to look into the matter. The committee was directed to look into the matter.

Chairman Clark of the street committee reported investigating the proposed establishment of a grade on Arch street. On account of the large expense attached to the proposition he said he would not recommend that the grade be established at this time. The borough solicitor was asked to appear before the next grand jury in an effort to influence the county to assume jurisdiction of the Baldwin avenue bridge.

Mr. Buttermore called attention to the need of electric light beneath the Pennsylvania railroad bridge of the West Side. The chairman of the light committee was directed to call on the company to provide the needed illumination.

Councilman Hurlingham brought the question of the ownership of the Greenwood addition, saying: "The clerk was instructed to investigate the matter. On motion of Herbert the clerk was directed to notify property owners of South Ninth street to the sidewalks in front of their properties. The public safety committee was empowered to purchase a horse pander and one dozen horse clips. Those present at the meeting were Messrs. S. E. Brant, T. J. Brennan, C. H. Hays, C. M. Stoner, S. B. Decker, Fred Harniman, William Herbert, W. P. Clark, P. M. Buttermore, John Koser, Frank Friel, J. F. Reynolds, W. A. Bishop and William McCormick.

### CITY HALL ILLUMINATION.

Councilman Stoner Advocates Pedestal Lights for Public Grounds.

Ornamental lighting pedestals may be erected about city hall within a few weeks. Council is considering the erection of four pedestals about the building one in each corner of the public grounds.

The place most in need of illumination is at the lower corner of the grounds where little light is shed by the Young bridge where the equipment of the street department is stored. Councilman C. M. Stoner proposes to call the matter to the attention of council.

### RETIRED SALESMAN DIES

Richard J. Vought Was Well Known Throughout Somerset County.

SOMERSET, May 15.—Richard J. Vought, aged 65, died at his home on West Union street yesterday morning following a lingering illness from a complication of ailments. He was born in New Centerville a son of John and Elizabeth (Dyke) Vought. His father was a pioneer merchant in Somerset County in whose store he clerked for a number of years, remaining to the county seat thirty odd years ago to engage in the mercantile business. Later he became a salesman with headquarters in Johnstown for several large wholesale houses, returning two years ago on account of failing health.

Besides his wife Clara Belle Walter, a daughter of ex Sheriff John H. Walter of Somerset and a sister of Albert L. Walter, formerly of Connellsville, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Martha Hartzell, of Pittsburgh, widow of George H. Hartzell of Connellsville, and the following children: John W. Vought of Newark, N. J.; Frank C. Vought of Somerset; George H. Vought of Williamsport; Charles S. Vought of Johnstown; Richard W. Vought of Newark, N. J.; and Elizabeth V. Vought, wife of H. Schumacher of New York City.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Rev. J. H. Wagner pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Interment in the husband's cemetery.

### FINDS WIFE DEAD

"Mamma Sleeping Dead," Child Tells Husband When He Finds Body.

SCOTTSDALE, May 16.—Coming home from work and finding the dead body of his wife lying on the floor where she had been found, a man was sleeping, good was the husband's experience of Harry White of Fourth avenue yesterday afternoon. Mr. White had been in a very good humor and yesterday his son Ernest, aged about seven, came home from school. His mother was apparently asleep and he went out of the room without disturbing her. When the father came from work at the mill the little fellow told him that the mother was asleep on the floor.

Mr. White fearing something wrong immediately sent for a doctor. When he was found the mother was dead. The doctor said she had died of a heart ailment. She had been apparently asleep when she was found. She was lying on the floor. The doctor said she had died of a heart ailment.

### SUPERVISORS UNDER FIRE

Judge Lambel Presides Over Hearing of Auditors Surcharge.

UNIONTOWN, May 16.—In court this morning the hearing in the case against the supervisors of North Union township began before Judge Lambel. The surcharges against the supervisors are for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 1912, and ending March 1, 1913. The surcharge is against J. C. Roebuck, C. J. Inks and J. M. Murphy and amounts to \$1,381.25.

Anna B. Carr, her executor in the estate of John R. Carothers brought suit this morning against Julius J. Inks to recover \$2,000 with interest from December 1, 1912, to date. The plaintiff alleges that Julius secured money from the estate which was never turned over to her and that he gave a bond for the performance of his duties which is now in force.

### SIGNS COLD STORAGE BILL

Governor Tener Approves, Gons Vetoed Other Bills.

HARRISBURG, May 16.—Governor Tener today signed the bill requiring cold storage warehouses which requires that all foodstuffs kept in cold storage must be moved in such produce. The Governor also signed the bill requiring third class rates to be paid by shippers.

He vetoed the bill authorizing the first class township or commission to provide illumination for the highways. The bill creating a forestry department in second class cities was also vetoed. The Governor also vetoed the bill authorizing the city of Erie to take the power of governing its roads.

### OLDEST RESIDENT DEAD

Leaves Elbert of Greene County After Ride on a Train.

Leaves Elbert the oldest resident of Greene County was found dead Wednesday morning at the home of his son, Noah Elbert, near Uniontown. He was 89 years old and resided at his home only a mile and a half from the Monongahela river and the same distance from the Monongahela railroad.

### NEW VITAL STATISTICS REGISTER

A B. Lloyd has been appointed registrar of vital statistics for the county.

He was born in the county of Allegheny and was a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He was appointed by the county board of health to succeed Mr. A. S. Sturges.

### DIES Near Brownsville

Mrs. Nancy J. West, wife of James West, died at her home in Brownsville.

### MILLER TO QUIT

Will Not Collect Taxes in West Side This Year, It is Said.

Charles M. Miller will refuse to serve as tax collector on the West Side this year, it is understood and his successor will be appointed soon. Mr. Miller, term which expires on January 1, Tax Collector H. C. Norton of the last side is considered the logical candidate.

When Mr. Norton became a part of Connellsville Mr. Miller's term it was held over until this year. Last year the West Side collector collected the county, borough and school taxes but in 1912 the School Board awarded the collection of school taxes to H. C. Norton.

### WEST PENN'S WORK IN GREENWOOD IS NEARLY COMPLETE

New Storage Barn, Paint Shop and Forge House About Ready.

Preparation for Summer Traffic.

Improvements to the West Penn traction company has been underway here during the last few months. The new storage barn and within a few days the company will be making use of the new building. The new forge house and an additional storage barn at the Greenwood shops.

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### ELECT A. S. M'SWIGGIN

Pittsburg Man Elected Pennsylvania Auditor of Columbus.

SCRANTON, May 16.—Johnston was chosen today by the Penn. State Convention of Auditors of Columbus as the city where the convention was held. The convention was held in the city of Columbus, Ohio, on Tuesday, May 13, 1913. The convention was held in the city of Columbus, Ohio, on Tuesday, May 13, 1913. The convention was held in the city of Columbus, Ohio, on Tuesday, May 13, 1913.

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## WESTERN MARYLAND PREPARES FOR BIG RUSH OF TRAFFIC

New Management Has Rectified Past Errors of Judgment.

## PREDICT BIG GAIN IN JULY

By That Time Yards and Terminals Will be in Shape to Take Care of Tonnage Two Systems Have to Offer; Access to Rich Territory is Afforded.

The Western Maryland was "mirrored" in the last two years by a management which failed to grasp the important details incident to the evolution of a local railroad enterprise into a through east and west link in an important trunk line system, says the Wall Street Journal.

The new management which took hold of the property the latter part of 1912 has been struggling through this mire and has about extricated itself and the road. By July 1 past operations and commissions will be rectified. The company will then have bridges strong enough to carry its heavy power, enough classification yards to handle the large increase in traffic which is expected to flow over the new extension to a connection with the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie at Conneltsville and terminals and elevator facilities at Newmarket ample enough to take care of all the business which may appear.

The current year has been a niche-mare alley for the management and the security holders. It became necessary to pass the preferred dividend and the outlook for the year gives little promise that the company will earn anything in excess of its fixed charges. It will be fortunate to show these earned. Expenses have been high. Fixed charges have been high and it was impossible to secure any benefit from the new extension because the property was not in shape to use it. This has meant practically idle capital.

Everything in the way of physical needs to measure up to through trunk line requirements have recently been provided or will be in the next two months. When business begins to move over this new route about July 1 next, the Western Maryland will be ready for it. Officials estimate that 500 carloads daily moving over this new extension will return enough over cost of handling to pay the entire interest charges on the property, including both the old and new mileage.

New York Central officials predict that 600 carloads will be a drop in the bucket to the total traffic which will eventually move over this new seaboard outlet when the Western Maryland demonstrates it can move the business on competitive schedules. The Pittsburgh & Lake Erie could now turn 700 carloads a day over to the Western Maryland if the latter were in shape to handle it.

Back of the new line's traffic possibilities are two of the most efficient traffic gathering organizations in the country, those of the New York Central system and of the Erie railroad, which latter secures equal advantages over the Western Maryland through its contract with the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie.

Both of these railroads are keen for the new road and new route to the seaboard. Neither before has had direct access to the southern tier of states, a field heretofore more or less monopolized by the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore & Ohio and the Reading. A New York Central official who is getting his traffic organization in shape in the west to handle solicitation for business over this new connection predicts that in time the new route will rival in importance the New York Central's lines between Buffalo and New York and Boston.

This may be undue optimism, but the new line is the shortest and most direct route from the Great Lakes to tidewater, and its grades are the lowest of any road over the Alleghenies.

Traffic usually follows the line of least resistance and export business is gradually going to ports where traffic is less congested than at New York. Furthermore, both the New York Central and Erie will have direct access to a territory to which they have heretofore been practically excluded. That fact is significant.

## AFTER ARMOR PLATE FACTS

Ashurst Thinks Government is Paying Too Much.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Senator Ashurst has given notice that he would call up at the earliest possible moment his resolution asking the Secretary of the Navy for information concerning bids for armor plate for the super-dreadnaught Pennsylvania, which were let by that department March 5.

Mr. Ashurst charged that the contracts were let at \$454 a ton for class A plate, \$44 more a ton than ever paid before by the Government. He said the Carnegie Steel Company, the Bethlehem Steel Company and the Midvale Steel Company, the three bidders, held a conference prior to submitting their estimates, and their bids varied less than \$1 per ton.

He declared experts had told him that the United States could make similar armor plate for \$254 per ton, and that since the bids were let for \$400 a ton the Government had lost \$1,800,000 in the transaction.

## KENNEDY LEAVES ORIENT.

Will Retire from Active Management, October 1.

As the annual meeting of stockholders of the Orient Coke Company held at Orient, May 15, the present directors and officers of the company were re-elected.

O. W. Kennedy expressed a willingness to continue as a member of the board of directors but declined reelection as general manager beyond October 1, at which time he expects to retire from active management of the company.

## SEES GREATER SAFETY IN MINING BY ELECTRICITY

Bureau of Mines Experts Look for Improved Devices and Corresponding Decrease of Risks.

H. H. Clark, electrical engineer of the Bureau of Mines, in his paper on "Safeguarding the Use of Electricity in Mines" read before the Pittsburgh meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers which met April 18 and 19, made the following remarks relative to the hope that mines will be safer when certain electrical developments become more general and are modified to meet the needs of the situation.

"There are, however, some ways in which it seems possible for electricity to decrease the risks now attendant upon mining work. There is one piece of electrical equipment which may almost be considered as a safety device and there are three others which, by substitution for more dangerous equipment and methods, promote the safety of underground workers.

"First may be mentioned the telephone, which is of use in spreading the news of trouble, in calling aid to the injured, and in assisting in mine rescue work after disaster. Next may be mentioned portable electric lamps for use of miners. The development of such lamps is just beginning in the United States. The date of this writing no device has been fully developed and standardized for insuring absolute freedom from gas ignition by lamps of this sort.

"There can be no doubt, however, that in the near future some such device will be developed and then the electric lamp will become safer than the kerosene lamp, although it has not the latter's ability to detect the presence of explosive gas. The statement that the electric lamp makes the mine safer than the kerosene lamp is based upon the fact that the parts of a safety lamp may be improperly recharged and ignition of gas occur as the result. The recent show that this has happened on more than one occasion.

"The greatest benefit to be derived from the electric lamp as a safety device will be in those mines where the electric lamp supplants the open flame lamp and thereby eliminates a real fire hazard. Next may be mentioned the firing of shots by electrical means. There can be no doubt that the firing of shots by properly designed and operated electrical shot-firing devices and equipment is safer than firing them by fuses or other devices which ignite explosives by means of sparks or flames.

"Finally it may be suggested that electrical development may partially remove present dangers which are now confronted by displacing traction locomotives for those actuated by storage batteries. Main-line haulage by such means, indeed, can hardly be advocated at present but the gathering of rail by these motors seems to be a feasible proposition in many cases.

"The use of storage-battery locomotives would entirely do away with the trolley wire from a large part of the mine entries where are now provided with this dangerous equipment. In addition to the greater degree of safety assured, superior-battery locomotives would be more flexible in operation than are cable-drawn motors. They would be materially improved, satisfactory voltage regulation of the distributing system could be obtained with less copper, and the expense of installing and maintaining trolley wire and rail bonding would be eliminated in the entries worked by storage-battery locomotives.

"He also made the following observations regarding the premature ignition of shots:

"It is not the best practice to shoot electrically under conditions that require one side of the detonating circuit to be connected to the earth, because wherever grounded systems of distribution are used unexpected differences of potential exist in the earth in the vicinity of such a ground. It is therefore, one side of the detonator be purposely grounded, an accidental ground on the other side of the detonator may enable an igniting current to traverse the detonator. Premature ignitions have been reported which seemingly have been caused by the conditions just described."

## CONDUCTORS TO ASK INCREASE

Demand Will Be Presented 48 Eastern Railroads July 1.

DETROIT, May 15.—Conductors of 48 Eastern railroads will present their demands for an increase in wages of from 15 to 25 per cent July 1, and if the roads refuse to arbitrate a strike will be ordered within the fortnight following, said F. S. Thomas, general chairman of the Eastern association.

"About the middle of June a vote will be taken among the membership," said Mr. Thomas, "and we expect it will be overwhelmingly in favor of a strike. Then on July 1, we will go before the railroads with our demands."

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## CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT EVANS

Electric Haulage is to be Installed and Current Will be Supplied by the West Penn.

Contracts for improvements to its plant at Evans Station costing thousands of dollars were awarded last week by A. C. Sichel and James Watson of the Evans Coal & Coke Company, which has its head offices in town.

One of the firms securing a contract was the Conneltsville Machine & Car Company, which will install at the new No. 2 workings a complete electric haulage system. The Westinghouse Electric Company of Pittsburgh was awarded the contract for 100-kilowatt motor and generator set.

Work on these improvements are to be started at once, and officials of the company anticipate that within 10 days the new motor and generator set will be installed and in working order. This set is to be housed in a new brick structure at the No. 2 workings, where it will generate current received from the West Penn for the three workings.

The electric haulage system, which will consist of two 50-horsepower motors for a stationary rope hoist, will be placed at the new opening, situated 2,500 feet from the Grace, or No. 2 opening.

While the work of improving the equipment of the plant is progressing, work of renovating the buildings and surroundings is not being neglected. A force of men under the supervision of the outside foreman is painting the out buildings and repairing fences, giving the plant a more attractive appearance.

With the installation of the new haulage and electric apparatus, officials of the mine anticipate that the tonnage and capacity of the plant will be increased greatly.

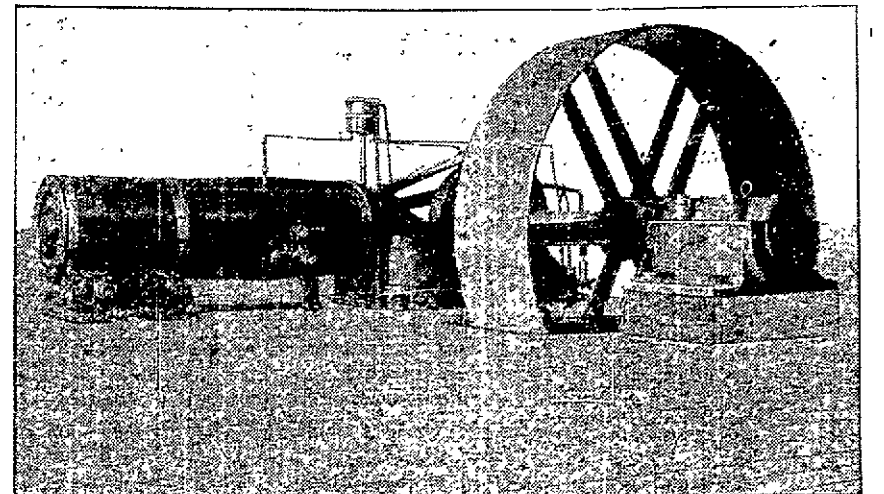
## BUILDS LONG WALL

Contractor Miller at Work on Cement Contract at Leisnering.

Charles Miller is progressing rapidly with the work of filling a large cement contract he has with the H. C. Frick Coke Company at Leisnering No. 1. He is erecting a 6-foot retaining wall 1,000 feet long between the creek and the company's coke ovens.

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